

***Update*-Troopers Arrest Rafael A. Pena-Suarez for Attempted Murder in Seaford Shooting**

Seaford, Delaware – The Delaware State Police have arrested **Rafael A. Pena-Suarez, 64 of Bridgeville, Delaware** in connection with a shooting that occurred at approximately 10:28 p.m., Friday, March 6, 2020, at a local area bar and package store.

The preliminary investigation has determined that Troopers were dispatched to “The Woodshed” located at 22588 Bridgeville Highway, Seaford for a shooting incident. Troopers located a 41-year-old male gunshot victim after a reported altercation. The victim was removed from the scene by EMS and transported to a local area hospital where he is listed in stable condition. There were no other reported injuries as a result of the incident.

Rafael A. Pena-Suarez was developed as a suspect. A subsequent search warrant was executed on Rifle Range Road, Bridgeville on March 8, 2020, and Rafael was taken into custody without incident.

He was transported to Troop 4 where he was charged with the following:

- Attempted Murder First Degree
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited

Rafael A. Pena-Suarez was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Sussex Correctional

Institution on a \$280,000.00 cash bond.

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The incident remains under investigation and further details will be released when possible. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective K. Archer of the Troop 4 Major Crimes Unit by calling 302-752-3791. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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